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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ENDEAVOR MESHTECH, INC.,	ECF CASE
Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO
v.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
FIRETIDE, INC.,	
Defendant.	

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## PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Endeavor MeshTech, Inc. (hereinafter, "Plaintiff" or "Endeavor"), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Original Complaint for Patent Infringement against Defendant Firetide, Inc. (hereinafter, "Defendant" or "Firetide") as follows:

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a patent infringement action to stop Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's United States Patent Nos. 7,379,981 (hereinafter, the "'981 Patent"), 8,700,749 (hereinafter, the "'749 Patent"), and 8,855,019 (hereinafter, the "'019 Patent") (collectively, the "Patents-in-Suit"), copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibits A, B and C,** respectively.

Plaintiff is the owner of the Patents-in-Suit. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Endeavor is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and maintains its principal place of business at 3140 Broadway, 46<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York, 10005 (New York County).
- 3. Based upon public information, Defendant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Delaware since October 18, 2001, has its principal place of business located at 2105 South Bascom Avenue, Suite 220, Campbell CA 95008, USA (Santa Clara County). Defendant has been registered to do business in New York since August 11, 2011, and may be served through its registered agent, Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., which is located at 99 Washington Ave, Suite 1008, Albany, New York 12260.
- 4. Based upon public information, Defendant ships, distributes, makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises it products under the Firetide Mesh product line, including the HotPort® series, HotPoint® wireless access point series, and HotView Pro<sup>TM</sup>. See Exhibit D.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 5. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283, 284, and 285. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case for patent infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 6. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because: Defendant has minimum contacts within the State of New York and in the Southern District of New York; Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of

New York and in the Southern District of New York; Defendant has sought protection and benefit from the laws of the State of New York; Defendant regularly conducts business within the State of New York and within the Southern District of New York, and Plaintiff's causes of action arise directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of New

York and in the Southern District of New York.

7. More specifically, Defendant, directly and/or through its intermediaries, ships,

distributes, makes, uses, imports, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises its products and

affiliated services in the United States, the State of New York, and the Southern District of New

York. Based upon public information, Defendant has committed patent infringement in the State

of New York and in the Southern District of New York. Defendant solicits customers in the

State of New York and in the Southern District of New York. Defendant has many paying

customers who are residents of the State of New York and the Southern District of New York

and who use Defendant's products in the State of New York and in the Southern District of New

York.

8. Venue is proper in the Southern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§

1391 and 1400(b).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** 

9. The Patents-in-Suit were duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and

Trademark Office on May 27, 2008 (the '981 Patent), April 15, 2014 (the '749 Patent), and

October 7, 2014 (the '019 Patent) after full and fair examinations. Plaintiff is the owner of the

Patents-in-Suit, and possesses all right, title and interest in the Patents-in-Suit including the right

to enforce the Patents-in-Suit, the right to license the Patents-in-Suit, and the right to sue Defendant for infringement and recover past damages.

10. Based upon public information, Defendant owns, operates, advertises, and/or controls the website http://www.firetide.com/.com, through which Defendant advertises, sells, offers to sell, provides and/or educates customers about its products and services, including but not limited to the following products (collectively, the "Accused Products and Services"): Firetide Mesh product line, including the HotPort® series, HotPoint® wireless access point series, and HotView Pro<sup>TM</sup>, including at least HotPort 5020-E, 7020, 7020-900, 7010, 7010-900, 5020-M, 5020-LNK and the HotPoint 5000 Series, including 5100 and 5200. Evidence obtained from Defendant's website regarding these products is provided in **Exhibits E through J.** 

## COUNT I INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,379,981

- 11. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each of Paragraphs 1-10 above.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '981 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, through the manufacture and sale of infringing products under the Firetide Mesh product brand, including the HotPort® series, HotPoint® wireless access point series, and HotView Pro<sup>TM</sup>. Based upon public information, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '981 Patent because it ships distributes, makes, uses, imports, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises devices that form a self-configuring wireless network that incorporates a group of virtual network nodes ("HotPoint Access Points") coupled to a gateway ("HotPort Mesh Nodes") to provide a communication access point between the nodes and an external network, including at least the Accused Products and Services. For example, the Accused Products and Services

infringe one or more of the claims of the '981 Patent by providing to Defendant's customers its wireless modules in which "multiple mesh networks and larger mesh environments such as enterprise or metropolitan networks" use "a mesh backbone" that self-configures. See, e.g., Exhibit A, at pp 1-2. Defendant's Accused Products and Services are available for sale on its website and through various retailers located in this district and throughout the United States. See, e.g., Exhibits D through J.

13. Based upon public information, Defendant has intentionally induced and continues to induce infringement of one or more claims of the '981 Patent in this district and elsewhere in the United States, by its intentional acts which have successfully, among other things, encouraged, instructed, enabled, and otherwise caused Defendant's customers to use the Accused Products and Services in an infringing manner. Despite knowledge of the '981 Patent as early as the date of service of the Original Complaint in this action, Defendant, based upon public information, continues to encourage, instruct, enable, and otherwise cause its customers to use its products and services, in a manner which infringes the '981 Patent. Based upon public information, Defendant's source of revenue and business focus is the provision of and sale of the Accused Products and Services. Based upon public information, Defendant has specifically intended its customers to use its products and services in such a way that infringes the '981 Patent by, at a minimum, providing and supporting the Accused Products and Services and instructing its customers on how to use them in an infringing manner, at least through information available on Defendant's website including information brochures, promotional material, and contact information. See e.g. **Exhibits D** through **J.** Specifically, Defendant offers design services to select, deploy and integrate Defendant's products to assist its customers in establishing and using mesh systems. <u>See e.g.</u> **Exhibits D** through **J**. Based upon public information, Defendant knew that its actions, including, but not limited to any of the aforementioned products and services, would induce, have induced, and will continue to induce infringement by its customers by continuing to sell, support, and instruct its customers on using the Accused Products and Services.

- 14. Defendant's aforesaid activities have been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.
- 15. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.
- 16. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's rights under the '981 Patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm to Plaintiff for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

# COUNT II INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,700,749

- 17. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each of Paragraphs 1-10 above.
- 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '749 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, through the manufacture and sale of infringing products under the Firetide Mesh product brand, including the HotPort® series, HotPoint® wireless access point series, and HotView Pro<sup>TM</sup>". Based upon public information, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '749 Patent because it ships distributes, makes, uses, imports, offers for sale, sells, and/or

advertises devices that form a self-configuring wireless network that incorporates a group of virtual network nodes (e.g., HotPoint Access Points) coupled to a gateway (e.g., HotPort Mesh Nodes) to provide a communication access point between the nodes and an external network, including at least the Accused Products and Services. For example, the Accused Products and Services infringe one or more of the claims of the '749 Patent by providing to Defendant's customers its wireless modules in which "multiple mesh networks and larger mesh environments such as enterprise or metropolitan networks" use "a mesh backbone" that self-configures. See, e.g., Exhibit A at pp 1-2. Defendant's Accused Products and Services are available for sale on its website and through various retailers located in this district and throughout the United States. See, e.g., Exhibits D through J.

19. Based upon public information, Defendant has intentionally induced and continues to induce infringement of one or more claims of the '749 Patent in this district and elsewhere in the United States, by its intentional acts which have successfully, among other things, encouraged, instructed, enabled, and otherwise caused Defendant's customers to use the Accused Products and Services in an infringing manner. Despite knowledge of the '749 Patent as early as the date of service of the Original Complaint in this action, Defendant, based upon public information, continues to encourage, instruct, enable, and otherwise cause its customers to use its products and services, in a manner which infringes the '749 Patent. Based upon public information, Defendant's source of revenue and business focus is the provision of and sale of the Accused Products and Services. Based upon public information, Defendant has specifically intended its customers to use its products and services in such a way that infringes the '749 Patent by, at a minimum, providing and supporting the Accused Products and Services and

instructing its customers on how to use them in an infringing manner, at least through information available on Defendant's website including information brochures, promotional material, and contact information. See e.g. Exhibits D through J. Specifically, Defendant offers design services to select, deploy and integrate Defendant's products to assist its customers in establishing and using mesh systems. See e.g. Exhibits D through J. Based upon public information, Defendant knew that its actions, including, but not limited to any of the aforementioned products and services, would induce, have induced, and will continue to induce infringement by its customers by continuing to sell, support, and instruct its customers on using the Accused Products and Services.

- 20. Defendant's aforesaid activities have been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.
- 21. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.
- 22. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's rights under the '749 Patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm to Plaintiff for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

# **COUNT III**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,855,019

- 23. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each of Paragraphs 1-10 above.
- 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '019 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, through the

manufacture and sale of infringing products under the Firetide Mesh product brand, including the HotPort® series, HotPoint® wireless access point series, and HotView Pro<sup>TM</sup>. Based upon public information, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '019 Patent because it ships distributes, makes, uses, imports, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises devices that form a self-configuring wireless network that incorporates a group of virtual network nodes (e.g., HotPoint Access Points) coupled to a gateway (e.g., HotPort Mesh Nodes) to provide a communication access point between the nodes and an external network, including at least the Accused Products and Services. For example, the Accused Products and Services infringe one or more of the claims of the '019 Patent by providing to Defendant's customers its wireless modules in which "multiple mesh networks and larger mesh environments such as enterprise or metropolitan networks" use "a mesh backbone" that self-configures. See, e.g., Exhibit A at pp 1-2. Defendant's Accused Products and Services are available for sale on its website and through various retailers located in this district and throughout the United States. See, e.g., Exhibits D through J.

25. Based upon public information, Defendant has intentionally induced and continues to induce infringement of one or more claims of the '019 Patent in this district and elsewhere in the United States, by its intentional acts which have successfully, among other things, encouraged, instructed, enabled, and otherwise caused Defendant's customers to use the Accused Products and Services in an infringing manner. Despite knowledge of the '019 Patent as early as the date of service of the Original Complaint in this action, Defendant, based upon public information, continues to encourage, instruct, enable, and otherwise cause its customers to use its products and services, in a manner which infringes the '019 Patent. Based upon public

information, Defendant's source of revenue and business focus is the provision of and sale of the Accused Products and Services. Based upon public information, Defendant has specifically intended its customers to use its products and services in such a way that infringes the '019 Patent by, at a minimum, providing and supporting the Accused Products and Services and instructing its customers on how to use them in an infringing manner, at least through information available on Defendant's website including information brochures, promotional material, and contact information. See e.g. Exhibits D through J. Specifically, Defendant offers design services to select, deploy and integrate Defendant's products to assist its customers in establishing and using mesh systems. See e.g. Exhibits D through J. Based upon public information, Defendant knew that its actions, including, but not limited to any of the aforementioned products and services, would induce, have induced, and will continue to induce infringement by its customers by continuing to sell, support, and instruct its customers on using the Accused Products and Services.

- 26. Defendant's aforesaid activities have been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.
- 27. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.
- 28. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's rights under the '019 Patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm to Plaintiff for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

## JURY DEMAND

29. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

- 30. Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:
  - A. An adjudication that one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit has been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by the Defendant:
  - B. An adjudication that Defendant has induced infringement of one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit;
  - C. An award of damages to be paid by Defendant adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's past infringement and any continuing or future infringement up until the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs, and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and, if necessary to adequately compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement, an accounting of all infringing sales including, but not limited to, those sales not presented at trial;
  - D. A grant of permanent injunction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283, enjoining the Defendant and its respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, from further acts of infringement with respect to any one or more of the claims of the Patents-in-Suit;

E.	That this Court declare this to be an exceptional case and award Plaintiff its
	reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285; and,
F.	Any further relief that this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 23, 2015

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